



THE PATRIOT

Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

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May 2020



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NEXT MEETINGS: June 4, 2020
August 6 2020
September 3, 2020

No Meeting May 7, 2020

Faithful Navigator

Even though the Texas Governor has eased the restrictions on public gatherings, I feel it is in the best interest for our health and safety of our Assembly not to meet. We will be having elections for all positions May 7, 2020 by computer voting. More information will be given next week on how to cast your ballot. The Cardinal is still excusing practicing Catholics from attending Mass at church, several of our Council's Churches have set up websites for Mass and information going on in their parishes. Hope everyone is following the guidelines set to stop the spread of this dreaded disease.

Please check out our **new website**, www.assembly2084.com. By logging onto the website, you are able to pay your dues, read the past newsletters and view pictures of our Assembly turnouts.

If you are planning on marching with our Assembly in the Fourth of July Parade in Friendswood and you do not have the Uniform, you will need to wear an Assembly Shirt and Hat. You can now order a shirt with the Fourth Degree Logo, with your name embroidered on it. All the information needed, cost and sizing is on the website. You have to pay for the shirt online, by Paypal, before it will be submitted to the shirt vendor. The order will go in to the shirt vendor the first week of June, so they will be available for the Fourth of July Parade.

Candidates for Office in Assembly 2084 for the Fiscal Year July 2020-June 2021

Faithful Navigator: Craig Guth
Faithful Comptroller: Mike Melancon
Faithful Captain: Jose Lara
Faithful Purser: Joseph Chien
Faithful Pilot: Glenn Williams
Faithful Scribe: Joseph Guidry
Faithful Inner Sentinel: Jessie Canales
Faithful Outer Sentinel: Joe Prevost
First Year Trustee: Steven Valdez
Second Year Trustee: Rey Tajonera
Third Year Trustee: Marlon Hulin

Anyone interested in any position please contact me so I can post an updated list of candidates before the election.

I would like to remind everyone that we still have a food drive every Assembly meeting. The non-perishable food items go to the Council cooking that night. Our Assembly has always been well represented at District and Local Turnouts with a core of dedicated Sir Knights. I hope this will continue with the change to the Uniform. Please consider purchasing the new Uniform so our Assembly will remain a standout in the Arch-Diocese. My personal thanks to all of you SK's that have made a turnout and proudly represented our Assembly.

The Assembly are selling baseball caps, they are black with our Assembly Emblem on them. They are \$10.

Please make note of the date of the Next Exemplification is
June 20, 2020

The next Exemplification will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2020. The exemplification will held at St. Laurence Catholic Church, 3100 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, Texas. The Host is The Bishop John L. Morkovsky Assembly, #2243. If any Council has Candidates please let me know so the application can be read at our June meeting.

CMG Safe Haven online replacing VIRTUS Training

As you have seen from previous e-mails, ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES now require any and all members to have completed the VIRTUS, now **Safe Haven** training. In addition to Council verification, ALL ASSEMBLIES are required to have a list. Below is what we will need for compliance. **I am asking each Grand Knight to provide a list from his respective**

Council as soon as possible. Safe Haven online
<https://GalvestonHouston.CMGConnect.org/>

Members Full Name, Member Number, Assembly Number, Council Number, Parish Name. Date of Safe Haven Certification, Expiration Date of Safe Haven Certification.

Please see the attached memo for further information. This is not a request, it is now a requirement for ALL KNIGHTS that work in your/any parish in ANY activity

FAITHFUL FRIAR'S MESSAGE

May Crowning and Consecration

Dear Brothers,

As the bright light of the Resurrection opens our eyes to see the hope with which God desires to fill our hearts, we rejoice at the arrival of the month of May which is set aside especially to celebrate the example and witness of our mother and patroness, Mary.

It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in May. ... Additionally, many Catholic churches and families hold a "May Crowning," presenting Mary with a crown made of blossoms or other hand-crafted materials to signify her queenship as the mother of Christ, the King.

It was during the Middle Ages (11th century) that the idea of giving the month of May to Mary began with an old tradition, the "30-Day Devotion to Mary". In his 1965 encyclical, *Mense Maio*, Pope Paul VI wrote about the importance of Mary's intercession for all the world, explaining that those who encounter her, encounter her Son, Jesus. He identified the month of May as an opportune time to incorporate special prayers for peace into traditional May devotions. The Catholic Church has dedicated May in her honor. The practice of crowning an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary gained popularity in the 19th century. So, let us have a special devotion to Mary this Month, especially as we go through the Covid-19. Mary our Mother deserves honor, not only during the month of May, but always. On Friday, May 1, 2020 the Bishops of our country will re-consecrate our Land to Mary, Mother of the Church. Here is that consecration adapted so that families may be consecrated to Mary, our mother, as well. Even if you

are in another country, feel free to consecrate your family through this prayer.

RENEWAL OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. MAY 1, 2020

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

When our Risen Lord appeared to his disciples on Easter Sunday he said: “Peace be with you.” We can be confident that he desires this same peace for all the members of his body, the Church, and for the people of the entire world. In this difficult time, we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

and Queen of Peace, to ask that she intercede with her Son for all those who are affected in any way by this pandemic. As we renew the consecration of our country and of ourselves to the Mother of the God, we implore her maternal care for her children.

Let us pray.

O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:25-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

DECADE OF THE ROSARY

Recalling Jesus' words as he hung on the cross – “Behold, your mother” – we meditate on the fifth sorrowful mystery of them Rosary, *The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord*.

Our Father... 10 Hail Mary's ... Glory Be...

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL OF OUR CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Let us now entrust our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care:

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love. In this time of pandemic, we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort. Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.

Families, groups, or individuals:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace us as we renew our consecration to you, together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. In a special way we commend to you those particularly in need of your maternal care.

Mary, Health of the Sick, sign of health, of healing, and of divine hope for the sick, we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, Mother of Consolation, who console with a mother's love all who turn to you, we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, Help of Christians, who come to our rescue in every trial, we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers. Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy, who embrace all those who call upon your help in their distress, we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic. Mary, Seat of Wisdom, who were so wonderfully filled with the light of truth, we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic. Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers. Accept with the benevolence of a Mother the act of consecration that we make today with confidence,

and help us to be your Son's instruments for the healing and salvation of our country and the world.

Mary, Mother of the Church, you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand: we ask your intercession for the needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened, that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated; guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary our Mother bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

As we conclude this consecration, we ask the blessing of Almighty God:

Let us pray.

Bestow the grace of your kindness upon your supplicant people, O Lord, that, formed by you, their creator, and restored by you, their sustainer, through your constant action they may be saved.

R. Amen.

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. R. Amen.

REGINA CAELI

As is customary, we conclude our prayer with a Marian hymn:

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,

has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Fr. Sibi Kunninu, MS

BERET PATCHES FOR THE NEW UNIFORM

All beret patches are to be ordered at: suprememaster@kofc.org

This site is manned by a clerk who will need the following information to mail a patch; Member name and member number, full mailing address, position held and patch color requested. We ask about positions because members are requesting patches that do not go with their position. Again, there is no red patch. Regular members wear the beret with just the gold pin, no patch. All issues with the uniform can be addressed at knightsgear@kofc.org.

2020 ANNUAL DUES:

Dues for 2020 Fraternal Year are now PAST DUE. If you did not receive a dues request for this year, please contact the Faithful Comptroller, Mike Melancon to make sure that we have the correct mailing information. If you have paid, but have not received your blue membership travel card, please contact either FC Mike Melancon or FN Craig Guth. We strive to send all bills electronically to save on postage, but if you don't have e-mail, you should receive your notice by mail. If there is a financial hardship contact either FC Mike Melancon or FN Craig Guth. Please pay promptly in order to spare the Faithful Comptroller, Mike Melancon, the trouble of sending out multiple and repeated reminders throughout the Spring. The dues are \$36 a year and you can find SK Mike Melancon's address on the front page of this newsletter where payment can be mailed.

Remember that you can always pay early, and/or pay for multiple years in advance and avoid the yearly hassle. Contact the Comptroller, Mike Melancon or me for information on how to do this. Use our new website www.assembly2084.com

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVES

Please remember that we hold a voluntary Food Drive at each meeting. Any Sir Knight wishing to participate may bring non-perishable food items to the meeting. Whichever Council is responsible for cooking that evening's meal will gather the food after the meeting and take it to their local food pantry or food bank. Dry groceries and non-perishable food staples are always greatly needed by the food pantries and are very much appreciated.

NEW DRILL MANUAL

With the release of the new uniform, there is a new drill manual. See the links below for information. At some time, they will be available in print form.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/for-members/color.html>

<http://kofc.org/en/members/for-patriotic-degree/materials.html#/all/1/20-%20REPLACE%20IMAGE>

NEW UNIFORM

There is a new vendor, The Supply Room, (TSR), as the new distributor of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Uniform. The cost will drop to \$449. You now are able to receive your Knights of Columbus Uniform within 7 days of submitting your order. They now have inventory to meet the demand. To place your order, go to www.kofcuniform.com. Or customer service number is 1-833-592-4327

UPCOMING EVENTS AND TURN OUTS

All Sir Knights are encouraged to participate in as many of the above events as possible. **If you have the new uniform, please turnout as often as you can.** Check with the Faithful Navigator if you have any questions about a particular event or turnout. The “Rule of 72” (setting a quota for each Assembly in order to limit the number of Sir Knights participating at turn outs at the Co-Cathedral) has been suspended due to the low numbers of Sir Knights turning out at the Co-Cathedral events. All Sir Knights in the district are encouraged to make extra efforts to attend any of the turn outs at the Co-Cathedral.

COLOR GUARD

If there are any SK'S interested in becoming a part of the elite Color Guard of the First District, please contact the Faithful Navigator, or Commander Teddy Cuaping for information. Rey Tajonera is now the Assistant Color Corps Commander

PAST TURN OUTS

We had no turnout opportunities this past month.

Future Turnouts:

None Scheduled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

If I have inadvertently failed to mention you in your attendance at a turnout, please let me know so that we can properly recognize your commitments.

“THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AND DEDICATION”

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CONTACTS UPDATED

Remember to provide us with any changes or updates to your address, phone number or email address so that we can accurately maintain the Assembly's (and Supremes') records and database. If, for any reason, you do not receive your monthly newsletter by the end of the first week of the month, either by email or by US mail, please let us know promptly. If you have access to email, please let us know so that the Assembly can send you the monthly newsletter and timely information and notices throughout the month by email. The postage and printing expense for the monthly newsletters remains the Assembly's largest single on-going monthly expense! Anything that we can do to reduce the number of SK's receiving the newsletter by “snail” mail (U.S. Postal mail) will benefit the Assembly, be greatly appreciated, and allow you to receive more timely information and activity updates between the monthly newsletters.

Assembly Meeting Dates & Council Cooking Assignments

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| January 2, 2020 – 4577 | July 4, 2020 – 8494–Friendswood July 4 th Parade |
| February 6, 2020 – 8494 | August 6, 2020 – 8960 |
| March 5, 2020 – 8960 – Ladies Night/Social Meeting | September 3, 2020- 9201 |
| April 2, 2020 -9201 Cancelled | October 1, 2020 – 6403- Ladies Night/Social Meeting |
| May 7, 2020 –6403 Election of Officers Online | November 5, 2020– Memorial Mass – Catered Meal |
| June 4, 2020- 4577 – | December 6, 2020- Christmas Party- Pot Luck |
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ASSEMBLY #2084 - OFFICERS for 2019/2020

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 Faithful Comptroller – Mike Melancon
 Faithful Friar – Father Sibi Kunninu, M.S.
 Faithful Captain – Gilbert Ramos
 Faithful Admiral – Bill Prindiville
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 Commander – Teddy Cuaping
 Asst. Commander Rey Tajonera

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